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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

DEL SOLDATO ET AL.

Application Serial No.: 09/147,770

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Examiner: TRAVERS, R.S.

Attorney Docket No: 026220-00031

For: NITRIC ESTER DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE IN URINARY INCONTINENCE AND OTHER DISEASES

April 2, 2004

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time of one (1) month for responding to the outstanding official action dated December 3, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), please find attached a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the extension fee for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00031.

Respectfully submitted,

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